

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-4, 7, 17, 21-24, 45-46, 52-53, 89-90 and 106-109 remain pending in this application.

The claims have been amended to expressly recite that the foam material is an open-cell foam material.

Examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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